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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 1658

FOR PM/MC

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: NASS, MNOL, NI
SUBJECT: NIGERIA EXPLORES PURCHASE POSSIBILITIES OF HEAVY GUNS AND
NIGHT FIGHTING EQUIPMENT FROM U.S.

REF: (A) LAGOS 0631; (B) USDAO/LAGOS MSG 019 (DTG 271500Z JAN 77)
(C) STATE OR 080137Z FEB 77

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF C, DATT HAS CONFERRED WITH MILITARY
ATTACHES OF UK AND INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONS IN LAGOS AND
MEMBERS OF NIGERIAN ARMY, ESPECIALLY DIRECTOR OF ARTILLERY.

2. APPARENT REASON FOR NIGERIAN INTEREST IN HEAVY GUNS IS
REORGANIZATION AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAM WHICH IS CURRENTLY
IN HIGH GEAR. THERE IS NO REAL STRATEGIC OR TACTICAL NEED
FOR THESE WEAPONS AS THEY ARE UNSUITABLE FOR INTERNAL
SECURITY AND COUNTRY FACES NO REAL EXTERNAL THREAT FROM
ANOTHER COUNTRY. AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE IS NO INDICATION
THAT NIGERIA INTENDS USE THESE WEAPONS OUTSIDE NIGERIA.

3. REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS WENT TO ALL COUNTRIES WITH
SUFFICIENT PRODUCTION CAPABILITY. UK, INDIA, USSR AND US
ALL RECEIVED SAME LETTER REQUESTING DATA. DATT ASSUMES THAT
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OFFER ALSO WENT TO OTHER EMBASSIES WITH INDUSTRIAL CAPABILITY,
PARTICULARLY ITALY AND YUGOSLAVIA.

4. ADDITIONAL CIRCULAR LETTER HAS TODAY COME TO EMBASSY FROM
MOD DATED "FEBRUARY 1977." IT REQUESTS THE DATT NOTIFY
MANUFACTURERS OR DISTRIBUTORS OF "ALL KINDS OF NIGHT FIGHTING
DEVICES" OF OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN DEMONSTRATION IN

NIGERIA IN MARCH 1977. DEMONSTRATION WOULD RUN FOR THREE NIGHTS AND IS EXPECTED TO DRAW LARGE AUDIENCE. ITS AIM IS TO DEMONSTRATE EQUIPMENT AS FIRST STEP TOWARD POSSIBLE PURCHASES. ITDMS WOULD INCLUDE NIGHT VISUAL SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT MAINLY SCOPES (MOUNTED AND NON-MOUNTED ON WEAPONS) AND NIGHT DRIVING AIDS. WE ARE INFORMING SIPS (STRATEGIC INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS DIVISION) OF DEPT COMMERCE SO THAT IT CAN PASS WORD TO US SUPPLIERS. IF INTERESTED IN PURSUING SALES HERE THESE SUPPLIERS WOULD PRESUMABLY CONTACT PM/MC OR USDOC OFFICIAL EXPORT ADMINISTRATION RE EXPORT LICENSING.
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